Policy:

Any patient presenting to any component of the EMS system with a completed North Carolina Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) form (yellow form) and/or MOST (Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment) form (bright pink form) shall have the form honored. Treatment will be limited as documented on the DNR or MOST form.

Purpose:

- To honor the terminal wishes of the patient
- To prevent the initiation of unwanted resuscitation

Procedure:

1. When confronted with a patient or situation involving the NC DNR and/or MOST form(s), the following form content must be verified before honoring the form(s) request.
   - The form(s) must be an original North Carolina DNR form (yellow form - not a copy) and/or North Carolina MOST form (bright pink – not a copy)
   - The effective date and expiration date must be completed and current
   - The DNR and/or MOST Form must be signed by a physician, physician’s assistant, or nurse practitioner.

2. A valid DNR or MOST form may be overridden by the request of:
   - The patient
   - The guardian of the patient
   - An on-scene physician

   If the patient or anyone associated with the patient requests that a NC DNR and/or MOST form not be honored, EMS personnel should contact Medical Control to obtain assistance and direction.

3. A living will or other legal document that identifies the patient’s desire to withhold CPR or other medical care may be honored with the approval of Medical Control. This should be done when possible in consultation with the patient’s family and personal physician.